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Announce Engagement



BRENDA JOYCE MURPHY

Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Murphy of 570 Springfield St., Feeding Hills, announce the engagement of their daughter, Brenda Joyce Murphy, to Sgt. Edward John McDade, USAF, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward W. McDade of 20 Sunset St., Dallas, Penn.

Miss Murphy graduated from Agawam High School and Northampton Commercial College, and is attending the Evening Divi-

sion of American International College. She is employed as secretary by Combustion Engineering, Inc., Windsor, Conn.

A graduate of Dallas High School, Sgt. McDade attended the Evening Division of Springfield Technical Institute. He is serving in the U.S. Air Force stationed at Westover Air Force Base.

A September wedding is planned.

U.S. Post Office Information

It is urgent that any remaining Christmas mail be sent out over this weekend (or today).

Postmaster Robert R. DeForge said that across the nation every piece of Christmas mail that can possibly be delivered will reach its destination on time. However, at this time of year, the strain on transportation facilities and unpredictable weather can cause unexpected delays.

To be absolutely sure of on-

time delivery, all local Christmas cards should be put in the mail this Monday, Dec. 16, at the latest, Postmaster DeForge warned.

He noted that the Christmas rush is the biggest season for the Post Office. Nationally, over 9.7 billion individual pieces of mail will be delivered during the month of December.

For the convenience of the (Please Turn To Page 2)

Community Grange Program Dec. 17

The Christmas program of Community Grange will be held Tuesday evening, Dec. 17th at the Grange home on North West St., Feeding Hills. A brief business meeting has been called for 8 o'clock.

The program will open at 8:30 with the Golden Bell Choir from the Agawam Congregational Church, under the direction of Mrs. Alice Moore, presenting a Christmas concert. Grange members are reminded that friends may be invited to share this program with them.

Bells will be the theme of the decorations which will be appropriate to the Christmas season.

A social hour will be enjoyed after the program to which all are invited to remain. Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Orr are co-chairmen of the refreshment committee assisted by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Johnson.

Jaycee-ettes Hold Children's Christmas Party Sunday

The Agawam Jaycee-ettes will hold their annual Children's Christmas Party on Sunday afternoon, the 15th, from 2 to 4 at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church.

Mrs. Richard Fearn will accompany the guests in singing some Christmas Carols prior to refreshment time.

After the refreshments have been served, Santa will visit and bring presents for all the children.

This year the Jaycee-ettes have invited 25 deserving Agawam children. As before, all Jaycee children are extended an open invitation to attend this party.

A telephone committee will be contacting Jaycee families for reservations. For any further information, please call Mrs. William Hall at 736-4755.

JFK - K of C Food Sale Saturday

On Saturday morning, Dec. 14th, at 9:30, the wives of members of the President John F. Kennedy Council, Knights of Columbus, Agawam, will hold a food sale at the Agawam Food Mart. A varied selection of home baked goods will be available.

A pick-up service will be available on Friday night for anyone unable to bring their donations to the Food Mart on Saturday.

The following women head the various committees to make this sale a success for the benefit of the Knights of Columbus Building Fund: Mrs. Charles Stebbins, Mrs. Edward Francis, Mrs. William Garten, Mrs. Bernard Tattro, Mrs. James O'Keefe, Sr., Mrs. David Gallano, Mrs. James Garrant and Mrs. Lionel Rolland.

For information contact a committee member.

Senior Center To Conduct Christmas Open House Sunday

The public is invited to attend a Christmas open house at the Agawam Senior Center on Main St., Sunday afternoon, Dec. 15th between 2 and 5.

November Bride

Mr. and Mrs. George H. Rengert of West Falls, New York, announce the wedding of their daughter, Susanne, of South Pasadena, Calif., to K. Geary Hinshaw of Chino, Calif., son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Hinshaw



MRS. K. GEARY HINSHAW

of 32 Gunn-Geary Lane, Agawam. Mr. Hinshaw is in charge of publications for Agway in Syracuse, New York, formerly the Eastern States Farmers' Exchange of West Springfield, Mass.

The marriage was performed on Saturday, Nov. 30 at a 5 o'clock candlelight service at the Emanuel United Methodist Church, Orchard Park, New York, with red and white carnations banking the church.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, was attended by her sister, Mrs. William W. Sonner, II. Attending Mr. Hinshaw were Richard William Fearn of Feeding Hills, with Robert Allen Wilmes and William Francis Fearn of Agawam, acting as ushers, all boyhood friends of the groom.

The former Miss Rengert holds the title of registered nurse, having been graduated from Reading (Continued on Page 3)

Ramsdell Appointed Local Heart Fund Treasurer

Dudley P. Ramsdell of 735 Rogers Ave., West Springfield, assistant cashier and manager of the Agawam branch of Third National Bank of Hampden County, has been appointed Agawam treasurer for the Heart Fund, it is announced by Dr. Henry W. Polchlopek of Chicopee, president of Western Chapter, Massachusetts Heart Association. He succeeds Roger Proulx who has been transferred by the bank.

As treasurer, Mr. Ramsdell will accept and acknowledge memorial gifts to the Heart Fund all year round. This form of giving finds favor because the contributor not only memorializes a beloved one, but also aids the

living by assisting in financing the research needed to continue the fight against heart disease, the nation's number one killer.

Mr. Ramsdell has been in the banking field for 40 years and has served at many of the Third National's branches, including 10



DUDLEY P. RAMSDELL

years in Chicopee and another period in West Springfield. He has been treasurer for the Easter Seal Drive, a member of the building committee for the new West Springfield High School, treasurer of the West Springfield Chamber of Commerce and its secretary for three years, member of the board of directors of the West Springfield Community YMCA and has been treasurer of the Masonic Building Association since 1940.

Employees Of Westfield Savings Bank Donate To Toy Box Project

WESTFIELD — Employees of the Westfield Savings Bank are foregoing the exchange of gifts during the annual Christmas party at the Crestview Country Club tonight and will instead make a financial contribution to the toy box project of the Spark Plug Division of the Westfield Chamber of Commerce.

Westfield Savings employees have specified that their contribution be used for gifts for chil-

dren in the 10-14 age bracket.

The toy box project of the Spark Plug Division is intended to make certain that no child goes without gifts at Christmas time. The gifts are distributed by the Westfield Kiwanis Club.

Several Westfield Savings employees will receive service awards during the Christmas party Thursday:

Mrs. Marion Coffey, Mrs. Rosemarie Cudworth, Mrs. Victoria King, Miss Dolores Chmura, Miss Jacqueline Channen and George Burney, of the main office in Westfield; Mrs. Alice Hilliard, of the Agawam office; and Mrs. Gloria Casey, Mrs. Carol Atwater and Mrs. Anna Moriarty of the West Springfield office. The awards will be presented by Arthur W. Knapp, president.

Benevolent Society Yule Meeting Dec. 16

The Ladies Benevolent Society of the Feeding Hills Congregational Church will hold their Christmas meeting on Monday evening, the 16th, at 8. All women of the church are cordially invited to attend.

Following a business meeting a chorale group under the direction of Mrs. Mary Wuestoff from the Agawam High School will render seasonal selections.

Refreshments will be served by a committee under the chairmanship of Mrs. Earl Cesan.

CHURCH NEWS

AGAWAM METHODIST CHURCH

459 Mill Street, Agawam

Rev. Kenneth Thornton, Minister

Mrs. Herbert Binns, Organist

Mrs. Marshall Keyes,

Sanctuary Choir Director

Mrs. Kenneth Alexander,

Junior/Youth Choir Director

Thursday: 7 p.m. District

Workshop on new Local Church

Legislation at Mittineague, West

Springfield.

Friday—11 a.m.—Service of

Worship at East Longmeadow

Nursing Home; 6:15 p.m.—Bowl-

ing Teams at Westside.

Saturday: All Church smorgas-

bord Supper — Servings at 5:15

and 6:30 p.m.

Sunday: 9:30 a.m. The Church

at Worship. . . Nursery for in-

fants. . . Church school in ses-

sion; 10:30 a.m. Fellowship

hour; 6 p.m. Youth Group.

Monday: 7:30 p.m. Nominations

and Personnel Committee.

Tuesday—6:10-6:45 p.m. Youth

Choir practice; 6:45-7:30 p.m.

Junior Choir practice.

Wednesday: 7:30 p.m. Sanctu-

ary Choir.

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BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. Benjamin Lockhart, Pastor

Nancy Lund,

Organist and Choir Director

Mrs. Ruth Daniels, Organist

Mrs. Barbara Briggs,

Church Secretary

Thursday: 7:30 p.m. Choir re-

hearsal at church.

Sunday: 9:30 a.m. Morning

Worship — Rev. Lockhart will

preach and choir will sing; 10:30

a.m. Church school for all; 3:30

p.m. Family Christmas Work-

shop—all families gather to work

on Christmas decorations. Sup-

per will be served and a play to

be presented by the Senior BYF.

Tuesday: 6:30 p.m. Melody

Choir rehearse at church; 6:30

p.m. Mr. and Mrs. Club Christ-

mas meeting.

Wednesday: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

and 7 to 9 p.m. Trading Post

open.

CONGREGATIONAL

CHURCH

Rev. Floyd C. Bryan, Minister

Mrs. A. G. Toussaint,

Minister of Music

Friday: 7 p.m. Boy Scout

meeting; 7:30 p.m. Sanctuary

Choir rehearsal.

Saturday—8:45 a.m. Intermediate Choir rehearsals; 9:30 Junior Choir rehearsals.

Sunday — 9 a.m. Church at Morning Worship—Mr. Bryan preaching and Church School for Nursery thru 6th Grade; 10 a.m. Church School, 7th Grade thru 12th Grade; 11 a.m. Church at Morning Worship—Mr. Bryan preaching and Church School for Nursery thru 6th Grade; 7 p.m. Open Budget meeting; 7:30 p.m. Senior Pilgrim Fellowship meeting.

Monday: 7 p.m. Cub Scout meeting.

Tuesday—6:30 p.m. Senior Choir rehearsal; 7:30 p.m. Church Council meeting.

Wednesday: 6:30 p.m. Merriweds' Supper meeting.

The Ladies Aid Society of the Agawam Congregational Church will present a Christmas program at their next meeting, Dec. 19 at their noon luncheon meeting.

The program, in charge of Mrs. Dwight Bailey will have as a theme: "The Cradle, the Cross and the Crown." Mrs. Arthur Hastings will be soloist for this program. There will be Christmas readings and hymn singing. Come and join with us in the Christmas spirit, everyone welcome.

FEEDING HILLS CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

21 North Westfield St.

Rev. Arthur N.Sweeney, Pastor

Thursday — 7 p.m. Cherub Choir and Senior Choir rehearsal.

Sunday—10 a.m. Church school for nursery through 6th grades; and Worship Service: 3rd Sunday in Advent; 6:30 p.m. Christmas Caroling by the young people. However, everyone is cordially invited to participate. Refreshments afterward at the church.

Monday: 8 p.m. Ladies Benevolent Society meeting. Program: Girls' Chorus from the High School.

Tuesday: 6:30 p.m. The annual Creche ceremony and dedication on the Granger School lawn. The Girl Scouts will sing. All are invited.

Someone has come up with a novel Christmas Club—you save up to pay for last year's gifts.

SACRED HEART CHURCH

FEEDING HILLS

Rev. George Linse, C.S.S.

Rev. James Shea, C.S.S.

Saturday—4:30 and 7:30 p.m. Confessions

Sunday—6:45, 8, 9:15, 11:30 a.m. Masses.

Tuesday—7:30 p.m. Miraculous Medal Novena Devotions.

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CHURCH

Rev. Samuel Fayad, C.S.S.

Rev. Joseph Mantia, C.S.S.

Saturday—4 to 5 p.m. and 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. confessions.

MASS SCHEDULE

Sundays—7, 8:30, 10:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

Week days—7 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

Holy days—7 and 9 a.m., 5:30 and 7:30 p.m.

Tuesdays—7:30 p.m. St. Anthony Devotions.

ST. DAVID'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Rev. John S. Tyler, Vicar

Thursday—7 p.m. Boy Scout Troop #79 meets in parish hall.

Sunday — 8 a.m.-10:00 a.m. Holy Communion; 7 p.m. Evening prayer and Youth Fellowship.

Wednesday — 7 p.m. Senior choir practice.

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CHURCH

Rev. Walter J. Joyce

Rev. Albert Blanchard

Saturday — Confessions 4 to 5:45 and 7:30 to 9 p.m.

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday—6:45, 8, 9:15, 10:30, 11:45 a.m.

Tuesday—5:30 p.m., Mass followed by Miraculous Medal Novena.

ST. THERESA OF INFANT JESUS CHURCH

Rev. Paul Bernard

MASS SCHEDULE

Daily Mass—7 a.m.

Saturday—8 a.m. Mass — 4:30

and 7:30 Confessions.

Sunday — 7, 9 and 11 a.m. Mass.

My Neighbors



"I was just resting my eyes, sir, when the rest of me joined in..."

VALLEY COMMUNITY CHURCH

"THE CHURCH ON THE HILL"

Rev. Frank E. Dunn, Minister

Mrs. Hazel Mantia, Choir Director

Mrs. John MacPherson, Organist

Mrs. Richard Orr, Church Secretary

Thursday: 7:30 p.m. Important meeting of Church Council on fund raising for 1969.

Sunday: 10 a.m. Morning worship with sermon: The Christ of Christmas; Sunday School Classes in Dunn Community Hall; Reception of new members with coffee hour to follow; 2 p.m. Annual Christmas Party for children. . . Everyone invited . . . Presents for all. . . Santa Claus too.

BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH

Upper Church and Second Sts., West Springfield, Mass.

Larry Thornton, Pastor

Sunday—9:45 a.m. Bible School for all ages; 11 a.m. Morning worship service. Supervised nursery service available upstairs in the church during both Bible School and morning service; 7 p.m. Evening Service.

Wednesday — 7:30 p.m. Mid-week prayer meeting and Bible study.

(Bible Baptist Church is in fellowship with the General Assn. of Regular Baptist Churches and the American and International Councils of Christian Churches.)

P.O. Information . . .

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Agawam Post Office, patrons, Postmaster DeForge announces that the Service Window will be open on Saturday, Dec. 14th and 21st, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Donald P. Steele, Regional Director of New England Post Offices, has presented Postmaster DeForge with an award to employees of the Agawam Post Office for patriotic service in support of the U. S. Savings Bond Program.

The local office received the award for 100% participation in the savings bond program conducted at all Post Offices in the country. This is the third straight year the office has achieved 100% participation. The award is signed by Secretary of the Treasury, Henry H. Fowler.

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RALPH E. STETSON

Ralph E. Stetson, 73, of 683 Suffield St., Agawam, died Saturday in Springfield Hospital. He was born in Plainfield, Oct. 30, 1896. He was a member of the Agawam Fire Dept. for 42 years, a retired machinist for Moore Drop Forge Corp., a past commander of the Sons of the Union Veterans of Agawam, a member of the Golden Age Club of Agawam, a school traffic officer at Phelps School for three years.

Besides his wife, Mrs. Etta (Randall) Stetson, he is survived by two sons, Russell P. of South Westfield St., Feeding Hills, and Ralph E., Jr., Perry Lane, Agawam, and a brother Clifford of Plainfield.

The funeral was held Tuesday at the Dalton Funeral Home. Rev. Floyd C. Bryan, pastor of Agawam Congregational Church, officiated.

Bearers were: Russell Stetson, Jr., Henry Lecour, Jr., Henry Lecour, Sr., Frank Pignatari, Dudley Bodurtha and William Doyle. Burial was at Agawam Center Cemetery.

FUNERAL NOTICES

Ernest W. Keyes

The funeral of Ernest W. Keyes of 3 Spring Street was held Dec. 7 from the Curran-Jones Funeral Home. The Rev. Carlyle Smith officiated. Bearers were Donald and Rinhard Keyes, John Egleston, Bart Nascimbeni, Richard Farrell, Timothy Thompson, Philip Vantassel and Joseph Donovan. Burial was in Hillcrest Park Cemetery with Mr. Smith conducting the service of committal.

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November Bride . . .

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Hospital School of Nursing, West Reading, Penn., and has a bachelor of science degree from Albright College in Reading. She was a stewardess for World Airways, Oakland, Calif., and is presently in charge of intensive care at the Community Hospital of San Gabriel, Calif.

Mr. Hinshaw attended Agawam schools, Dean Junior College and Cal-Poly University in Pomona, Calif. He was active in 4-H and Future Farmers state and regional competitions and was particularly successful in tractor projects in which he won state champion awards in both 4-H and FFA contests. He is the founder and proprietor of Gunnland Enterprises, Chino, Calif., a company engaged in fabricating and leasing heavy equipment for highway and construction contractors.

Mr. Hinshaw is the grand nephew of the late Wehrle E. Geary of Charleston, West Virginia, who was founder of the Daniel Boone Hotel and the Diamond Department Store of that city, and was for many years a trustee of Morris Harvey College which named its student union building for him.

The couple will spend several weeks in New England before returning to California where they will reside at 4340 Scheffer Ave., Chino, Calif.

Last Friday Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Hinshaw entertained at a reception in honor of the couple at St. Anne Country Club.

Christmas Smiles

A smile is such a funny thing. It wrinkles up your face, and when it's gone you have to find its secret hiding place.

But far more wonderful it is

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to see what smiles can do; you much by cheering hearts of care, smile at one, he smiles at you, let's smile a lot this Christmas and so one smile makes two. time — such smiles go every And since a smile can do so where!

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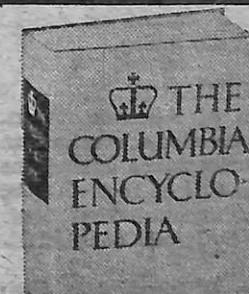
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Yuletide Precautions

Yuletide accidents at home can be prevented through the exercise of a few simple precautions, the Insurance Information Institute asserted. It offered these suggestions:

...Keep your Christmas tree outside until you are ready to use it. When you set it up, use a sturdy stand that can hold plenty of water and position the tree away from sources of heat. Use flame-proof decorations.

...Inspect lighting sets for fraying and loose sockets, and make sure they bear the approved label (UL) of the Underwriters Laboratories. Don't use electric lights on metal trees.

...Plug the light cord into an outlet that can be controlled by a switch some distance from the tree, and always make sure the lights are off when you leave the house or go to bed.

...If you use outdoor lighting, be sure your wiring and electrical equipment are of the kind designed for that purpose.

...Dispose of gift wrappings promptly after gifts have been opened.

...Take the tree down when needles begin to fall, and discard it outside the house. Never burn it in the fireplace or incinerator.

...Be sure there are plenty of ashtrays available to smokers, especially if you are having a party.

...If the children are to receive chemical or electrical toys, use good judgment in selecting them—and then supervise their use.

A Fact Of Life

A New York restaurant has celebrated its 100 years of operation by serving meals for one day at their 1868 prices. Here is the 100-year-old price list: corned beef and cabbage, 4 cents; veal cutlet, 5 cents; beef steak, 4 cents; roast chicken, 10 cents; pie, 2 cents; coffee, 1 cent. During its one-day centennial observance, the restaurant lost \$5,000 for one very obvious reason. The meal that cost 12 cents a hundred years ago is now \$9.50. Another indication of the decline in the value of the dollar is the current "living wage" which is estimated at about \$125 per week for an average American family. In 1904, a Committee of the Chicago Bureau of Charities agreed that no family could live comfortably on less than one dollar a week per capita.

While the foregoing statistics may appear irrelevant today, they do serve to illustrate a fact about the U. S. economic system that few seem to appreciate. That fact is that in spite of inflation, living standards have risen uninterruptedly year after year as a result of increasing productivity. The rise of mass production and mass distribution in a free competitive market have been the major contributing factors in preserving the purchasing power of the dollar. Many years ago, the nation's more progressive retailers, notably the chain stores, introduced the merchandising philosophy of moving the greatest possible volume of goods at minimum prices. This philosophy is basic to the merchandising system today. It has been a logical development of the free market. Our competitive mass distribution system is the surest guarantee that consumers will continue to enjoy maximum benefits of high productivity. Fortunately, a hundred years ago freedom in the marketplace was an accepted fact of life. If we are wise, we will accept it as a fact of life today—and seek to protect it against the invasion of over-regulation.

Catholic Women's Club To Hear Senior High Chorale Group

The Catholic Women's Club of Agawam will hold their Christmas meeting Monday evening the 16th at 8:30 in St. John's Parish Hall.

Following a brief business meeting conducted by club president, Mrs. Alexander Toczeko, the Agawam High School Chorale, under the direction of Mrs. Mary Wuesthoff will present a Christmas concert.

Mrs. Thomas McGovern, chairman of the evening's program, has requested that club members bring a gift for exchange.

Rev. Walter J. Joyce, spiritual adviser to the group and Rev. Albert Blanchard will be honored guests.

Hospitality chairman, Mrs. Joseph Lovotti, has named Mrs. Lawrence Moirano as chairman of hostesses. Assisting are Mrs. Manning Case, Mrs. Albert Christopher, Mrs. Gerald Cleary, Mrs. Edmund Colby, Mrs. Timo-

thy Collins, Mrs. Philip DeForge, Mrs. Norbert DeMont, Mrs. J. Frank Donovan, Mrs. Alfred Dugan, Mrs. Victor Moreno, Mrs. Patrick Vassallo and Mrs. Robert Wysocki.

COLLEGE NEWS

Frank D. Moruzzi, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Moruzzi of 62 Suffield St., Agawam, received his Bachelor of Aerospace Engineering degree at the Auburn University today.

ITHACA, N. Y.—Ronald Penna of Agawam, Mass., has been awarded a varsity letter for his performance during the 1968 Ithaca College football season.

The announcement was made today by Head Coach Jim Butterfield.

The Ithacans won their last two games and finished the season with a 3-5 record.

Penna, a defensive halfback,

DeMolay Sweetheart



MISS SUSAN GATES

Miss Susan Gates of Leonard St., Agawam, was chosen as Mount Elm Chapter's 1968-1969 Chapter Sweetheart.

Miss Gates is a Past Worthy Advisor of West Springfield Assembly No. 79, International Order of the Rainbow For Girls. A senior enrolled in the Commercial Course at Agawam High School, Susan plans to become a secretary.

On Dec. 21, Miss Gates will attend a dance in East Longmeadow sponsored by Brownstone Chapter and The Western Massachusetts Area Council. At the dance she will compete with the other Chapter Sweethearts from Western Massachusetts for the honor of becoming the Western Massachusetts DeMolay Sweetheart.

Tax Sales Can Be Wrong Decisions

By ROBERT ALLEN

By now, many investors have sold stock to establish tax savings. And many more are mulling last-minute action before the year is out.

It is not advisable to rush into a sale, for the Internal Revenue Service is quite precise in its rulings. Losses on securities held more than six months (long-term losses) must be applied against long-term gains before they can have any effect on regular income or short-term gains.

"Take a pencil and figure the probable benefits before selling," says Charles Fleet, vice president of Dominick & Dominick, Inc., an investment banking firm.

"If a saving of only a few hundred dollars may result, consider your position if the stock were to rise again," the executive suggests. "The long-range trend of the market has been up, and over the last 15 years roughly eight out of every ten issues listed on the New York Stock Exchange have increased in value."

"Commissions and transfer taxes must be figured in a tax-loss sale," Mr. Fleet says, and points out that the simplest device for producing tax benefits is probably the 31-day wash sale.

"In this case, the investor sells the securities and establishes his loss. Then, after waiting 31 days, he buys the stock back."

"The I. R. S. is explicit about the 31 days. If the stock drops sharply on the 29th day, you still may not buy it back if you wish to preserve your tax loss. You can only hope that the issue will still be in a favorable range on the first trading day after 31 days have elapsed. On the other hand, if the price has risen after your sale, you may have defeated your objective and it's perhaps well to look elsewhere for an opportunity to re-employ your funds."

Mr. Fleet also notes that firm 1969 tax rates cannot be known as long as the future of the surtax is uncertain.

is a graduate of Agawam High School; he is enrolled in the School of Health and Physical Education at I. C.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred R. Penna, 272 High St., Agawam.



December 16

through

December 20

SENIOR HIGH

Monday: Orange juice, hamburg on roll, mustard, relish, catsup, sliced onions, potato chips, buttered carrots, cheese wedge, peanut butter sandwich, chocolate cake w/butter icing, milk.

Tuesday: Meat ball grinder, garden salad w/spinach greens, peanut butter sandwich, pineapple chunks, milk.

Wednesday: Orange juice, bologna & cheese on water roll, buttered green beans, peach shortcake w/topping, milk.

Thursday: Orange juice, hot turkey sandwich w/giblet gravy, buttered peas, cranberry sauce, jello w/topping, milk.

Friday: Orange juice, grilled cheese sandwich, celery carrot sticks, lemon pie square, milk.

JUNIOR HIGH

Monday: Hamburg and gravy, mashed potato, broccoli, bread/butter, apricots, milk.

Tuesday: Juice, ham & cheese roll, potato chips, buttered carrots, sliced peaches, milk.

Wednesday: Juice, spaghetti w/meat balls, cabbage/carrot salad, fruit cup, peanut butter cookie, milk.

Thursday: Juice, oven fried chicken, mashed potato, peas, bread/butter, jello w/topping, milk.

Friday: Juice, grilled cheese sandwich, homemade baked beans, cabbage carrot salad, pine-apple upsidedown cake, milk.

DANAHY

Monday: Juice, hamburg on roll, carrots, applesauce cake, milk.

Tuesday: Chicken soup w/rice and vegetables, meat or peanut butter sandwiches, carrot sticks, fresh fruit, cookies, milk.

Wednesday: Shell macaroni in meat/tomato sauce, beans, bread/butter, pineapple, cheese wedge, milk.

Thursday: Juice, toasted ham and cheese, potato chips, mixed vegetables, fruit, cookies.

Friday: Juice, egg salad or peanut butter sandwiches, tossed salad, potato chips, cheese wedge, cake, milk.

GRANGER

Monday: Shell macaroni w/meat tomato sauce, buttered green beans, bread/butter, apricots, milk.

Tuesday: Juice, meat ball grinders, cheese finger, lettuce/tomato salad, blueberry cake w/whipped topping, milk.

Wednesday: Juice, grilled hamburg on buttered roll, relish, catsup, onion rings, cheese cube, buttered carrots, fruit, milk.

Thursday: Juice, frankfurts on buttered bun, relish, mustard, potato chips, 7 minute cabbage, spice cake, milk.

Friday: Juice, Tuna fish salad on lettuce, potato sticks, bread/butter, whole kernel corn, Christmas dessert, milk.

PEIRCE

Monday: Open face turkey sandwich w/brown gravy, buttered carrots, cranberry sauce, bread/butter, citrus fruit cup, milk.

Tuesday: Baked beans w/frankfurts rings, stewed tomatoes, carrot sticks, hot buttered corn bread, sliced peaches, milk.

Wednesday: Grilled luncheon meat, buttered sliced potatoes, buttered leaf spinach, peanut butter/honey sandwich, fruitied jello w/topping, milk.

Thursday: Orange juice, oven fried chicken, whipped potatoes, buttered peas/carrots, bread/butter, ice cream bar, milk.

Friday: Baked macaroni w/cheese & tomatoes, cole slaw w/grated carrots, cheese or peanut butter sandwich, spicy prune cake, milk.

PHELPS

Monday: Grilled frankfurts on

buttered roll, scalloped tomatoes, cheese sticks, pineapple chunks, milk.

Tuesday: Spaghetti w/meat tomato sauce, cabbage salad, bread/butter, apple, milk.

Wednesday: Grilled hamburg on buttered bun, onion slices, relish, buttered carrots, cheese sticks, orange wedges, milk.

Thursday: Roast turkey in gravy, mashed potatoes, buttered green beans, cranberry sauce, bread/butter, ice cream, milk.

Friday: Juice, tomato soup, Tuna salad sandwich, celery sticks, white cake w/chocolate frosting, milk.

ROBINSON

Monday: Citrus juice, frankfurts on buttered roll, mustard, relish, buttered corn, potato chips, Orange blossom cake w/butter frosting, milk.

Tuesday: Oven baked chicken, mashed potatoes, buttered broccoli, bread/butter, cranberry sauce, fudge, milk.

Wednesday: Juice, sloppy Joe on roll, buttered carrots, cheese sticks, apricots, brownie, milk.

Thursday: Shell macaroni w/meat sauce, buttered green beans, French bread/butter, applesauce, milk.

Friday: Orange juice, Tuna fish salad sandwich, peanut butter sandwich, tossed salad w/eggs, potato chips, fruit, milk.

SOUTH

Monday: Italian Spaghetti w/meat tomato sauce, fruit slaw salad, peanut butter on rye, fruit cup, milk.

Tuesday: Orange juice, steamed franks on buttered roll, mustard, relish, cheese sticks, buttered spinach, chocolate cake, milk.

Wednesday: Citrus juice, chicken noodle soup w/carrots, celery sticks, chicken salad on hard roll, apple, milk.

Thursday: Sloppy Joe on hard buttered roll, cheese sticks, buttered diced carrots, pineapple bits, milk.

Friday: Baked beans, catsup, grilled cheese on rye, cabbage/carrot salad, ice cream cup, milk.

Anyone who stops learning is old, whether this happens at 20 or 80. Anyone who keeps on learning not only remains young, but becomes constantly more valuable, regardless of physical capacity.—Henry Ford.

LEGAL NOTICES

BOARD OF SELECTMEN AGAWAM, MASS. December 6, 1968

Notice is hereby given under Chapter 138 of the General Laws that the Gallerani Drug Co., Inc., d/b/a Edward's Drug Store, Edward Gallerani, Pharmacist, has applied for a license to sell Alcoholic Beverages of the following kind: All Alcoholic as a Druggist at 287 Springfield St., in one story building consisting of one floor, one room with cellar for storage.

EDWARD W. CONNELLY RAYMOND E. CHAREST GEORGE L. REYNOLDS Licensing Board (Dec. 12)

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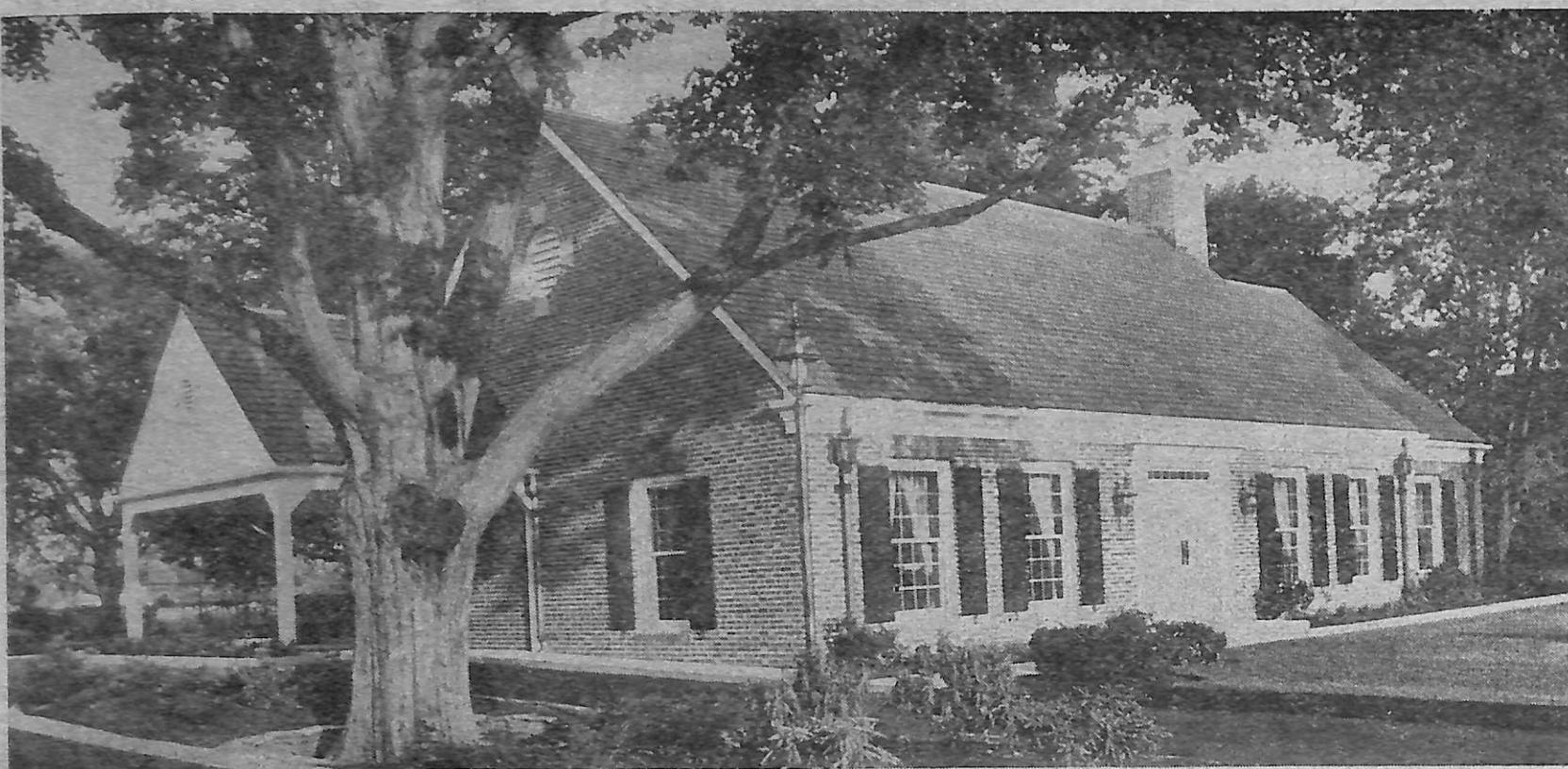
Notice is hereby given under Chapter 138 of the General Laws that Arthur Drug Co., Inc., d/b/a Arthur Drug Center, Arthur W. Gallerani, Pharmacist, has applied for a license to sell Alcoholic Beverages of the following kind: All Alcoholic as a Druggist at 55 Springfield St., on one floor, one room, no cellar.

EDWARD W. CONNELLY RAYMOND E. CHAREST GEORGE L. REYNOLDS Licensing Board (Dec. 12)

BOARD OF SELECTMEN AGAWAM, MASS. December 6, 1968

Notice is hereby given under Chapter 138 of the General Laws that the Feeding Hills Country Club, Inc., Joseph R. Ferraro, Pres., has applied for a license to sell Alcoholic Beverages of the following kind: All Alcoholic as a Club at 128 Southwick St., Agawam, in building consisting of two floors—1 room on each floor.

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SPORTSMEN'S CORNER

By BILL CHIBA

Agawam resident hunters were well represented this past week in Sandisfield, Mass. Staying at various camps in the heart of the deer country were: Everett Kellogg, Bob Allen, Hollis Kane and his son, Jim. Down the road a piece at a cozy rest were: Henry Guidi, Herm Mutti, "Soapy" Balboni, Sam Provo, Bert Montagna, and Springfield residents, Fran Covell, John Lyons and Red Siebern.

Noel Brown and Dave Cesan used Noel's camper for home base and this writer parked across the street from the two in my camper.

Ralph Davis drew first blood Monday, opening day. He bagged a spike born at ten to twelve in the morning. After he shot, I had three does run into me and stop. They fed a short time and then moved on.

About a hundred yards from where Ralph downed his buck, I was fortunate enough to be in the right place at the right time Friday morning and had an 8-pointer walk into me . . . I downed it at 10 yards. Tuesday morning Doug Kerr, from Feeding Hills, filled his doe permit with a nice animal. The last day of the season, the old "pro" Henry Guidi, filled his permit. He took a riding all week from his cohorts about the permit and not shooting a doe when he had a chance. Henry wanted to get a buck and held off to the last possible moment.

One of the largest deer shot in Mass. was taken by Ben Fish, 59 Garden St., Feeding Hills. The monster weighed 220 lbs., sported a nine-point rack. Charles Provanzano and Richard Taylor, both of Feeding Hills, hunted with Ben in Blandford.

Ben submitted a picture, but unfortunately it is in color and we cannot use it. Remember, we must have black and white pics

to use in the paper.

We talked with Jim McDonough, Division of Fisheries and Game Deer biologist about the buck season and how it was turning out based on the returns of last year and this. Many hunters reported seeing more deer in the woods this year, plus the harvest is up over last year. The Westfield checking station registered 150 animals this past week while only 95 were totaled in 1967. This is the trend throughout the state. The final figures will be released in the near future.

MAINE HARVEST UP

Maine's 1968 deer kill is the third highest of all time and is more than 6,000 higher than the figure for 1967, according to preliminary figures issued by the Maine Fish and Game Dept.

Subject to a final audit, the 1968 total is 40,917 deer registered.

The record is 41,735, set in 1959, and the second highest year was 1951, with 41,730.

SUCCESSFUL ARCHERS

Bowhunters took 17 deer during Nov., the first month of Conn.'s two-month archery-only season, which closes on Dec. 31. Indications are that this could be a record year for the bowmen. The highest previous season take was 25, in 1966. Last year 23 deer were reported, 11 in Nov.

During this season, one deer of either sex may be taken on designated state lands or private land with owner's written permission. An archery license is required in addition to the regular Conn. hunting license.

Students Hear Talk On Indians

It was announced by Principal James Loomis of the Granger School, Feeding Hills, that recently students of the school were visited by Mr. and Mrs. Richard J. Curry of Feeding Hills. The Currys presented a brief talk on local Indians and they displayed a variety of locally excavated Indian relics.

Among the collection of stone tools and weapons exhibited the Currys had a case of pottery fragments, animal and human bones, teeth, chips and charcoal fragments from a camp site located in Westfield during the fall of 1967. The Curry family worked on this site for several weeks during which time they removed a complete fire pit.

The program was in keeping with the Curry's hobby of collecting artifacts of the colonial America period as well as relics of the local Indians. Mr. Curry is principal of the Mile Tree Elementary School in Wilbraham. Mrs. Curry is the president of the Agawam Historical Association.

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With U. S. Combat Air Forces, Vietnam — U. S. Air Force Major Emil E. Wessale, whose wife, Nancy, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Kibbe of 684 Main St., Agawam, Mass., is decorated at Tan Son Nhut AB, Vietnam, with the Distinguished Flying Cross (DFC) by Col. John W. Pauley, commander of the 315th Special Operations Wing.

Major Wessale, who has logged more than 770 transport sorties, was cited for his participation in a C-123 Provider airlift mission to Song Be Airfield. During the unloading of his hazard-

ous cargo, the field was hit by an intense mortar barrage. Realizing his aircraft could be destroyed and crewmen possibly injured or killed, the major disregarded his personal safety to take off from the landing strip in minimum time.

A 1950 graduate of North High School in Minneapolis, Major Wessale entered the Air Force in 1953 and was commissioned in 1954 through the aviation cadet program. He received his B.A. degree from the University of Omaha. The Wessales have two children, Kimberly, 10 and Kurt 8.

Have You Seen This Girl?

Redlands, California — Monday, March 18, 1968, began as an ordinary day for Elizabeth Lurene Bernstein when she left home for classes at Moore Junior High School in Redlands, Calif. But this Monday on the 18th of March was not to be an ordinary day.

Elizabeth's school day passed without incident. She attended her last class, then left school at 3:40 p.m. to walk home, a two-mile route through blossoming orange groves. She never arrived home. Somewhere along the lonely street, Elizabeth Bernstein vanished.

There are no clues to her whereabouts, or even to what happened to the 14-year-old girl, other than a report from a Redlands businessman who was driving through the area. He thought he saw a girl resembling Elizabeth walking toward the corner of the street on which she lived.

To her parents, Norman and Ruth Bernstein, the months of uncertainty and anxiety over their missing daughter "are the deepest anguish a person can go through. It is a shock so deep you become wooden," the mother explained.

The Bernsteins are appealing nationwide for help in locating their daughter. Bernstein, a chemical engineer at Lockheed in Redlands, and his wife, a psychiatric social worker, have posted a \$5,000 reward for information that will solve the mystery of their daughter's disappearance. They have vowed: "We will not rest until we know."

Neither parent has rested since that first long night when their young daughter failed to come home. They have tracked through orange groves, fields, foothills, and canyons in and around the Redlands area. They have followed every lead, no matter how slight, in the search for Elizabeth.

"I can face the daytime better than the night," the distraught mother said: "At night I find myself saying: 'Is she safe? Is she warm? Is she fed? . . . and finally . . . is she alive?'

When Elizabeth, nicknamed "Liz" by her friends, left for school that March morning, she had only 25¢ with her. She was dressed in a blue dress with white flowers, tennis shoes and

a dark-olive corduroy coat. Around her neck she wore a small gold chain with a pendant gold and blue star. Enroute home, she carried a red algebra book and a blue looseleaf notebook. Neither has been found.

Elizabeth is five feet, five-inches tall, weighs 105 pounds and had brown hair and brown eyes. She is one of five Bernstein children. The family lost one of these, a son, to polio in 1952.



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Q. The other day when I went to the doctor he asked me for my medicare card. I told him it was in my safe-deposit box so that it would be safe. He told me I should always carry it with me. Is that true?

A. He was correct. You should always carry your card with you when outside your home. Although we can usually locate your number promptly, in some circumstances, it can take as long as 24 hours. If you should lose your card, it can always be replaced.

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The Veterans Administration today had good news for the tax-paying parents and guardians of an estimated 42,000 dependents going to school under the War Orphans Educational Assistance Act.

Payments to "war orphans" are now regarded as scholarships and are not to be counted for income tax purposes in determining whether the dependent received more than half of his support from the taxpayer.

Under the law, "war orphans" (children of veterans who died or are permanently and totally disabled as a result of military service) are entitled to monthly benefits of \$130 for full-time enrollment, smaller amounts for part time.

According to the VA, a recent Internal Revenue Service ruling calling such payments "scholarships" reverses an earlier finding. Previously these educational allowances were regarded as being contributed by the student when determining who furnished more than half of the student's

support for income tax purposes. The new ruling concludes that Congress intended that such payments be gratuitous in nature and therefore they are scholarships, the VA said.

Since the ruling is retroactive, the VA advises parents and guardians to apply to their local district ISR director for the best method of filing for a refund.

Generally, eligible young men and women between 18 and 26 are entitled to up to 36 months of schooling under the Act.

Since this program began in 1956, more than 120,000 sons and daughters of veterans have received assistance from the VA.

PROMENADERS



The Agawam Promenaders will hold a combination Christmas party and square dance at 8 p.m., Friday, Dec. 13, at Robinson Park School, Begley St., Agawam.

The hall will be decorated in the spirit of the yuletide and Santa Claus is expected to visit, according to Adele and Doug Cochrane, program chairmen in charge of arrangements.

Holiday refreshments will be served under the chairmanship of Lindsay and Dick Davis. Al Besette, club caller, will be calling the dances for the evening.

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Jack and Beverly Lyons, co-presidents of the club announced that Flora and Cleent Steadman are in charge of refreshments. The hostess and host for the evening will be Helen and George Liptak. Admission will be handled by Marcia and Norman Steadman and publicity is in charge of Beverly and Bob Binnenkade.

All western style square dancers are invited to attend. Bud Flebotte will be the caller.

VWWI CARD PARTY WINNERS

The second game in the present series of Whist Parties sponsored by the Veterans of World War One was held last Wednesday evening in the Agawam National Guard Armory. Door prize winners were Ray Willard, Henry Cole, Robert Damon and Marion Damon.

Mystery prize winners were Evelyn Miller, Selina Beauchane and Betty Allard. Ace prize winner for the ladies was Selina Beauchane and Robert Damon for the men.

The following were awarded high score prizes: Ladies—1st Marion Damon, 2nd Selina Beauchane, 3rd Mary McKay, 4th Betty Allard; Men—1st James D. Cleary, 2nd Howard Thayer, 3rd George Pierce, 4th Henry Cole.

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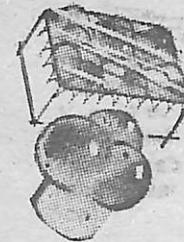
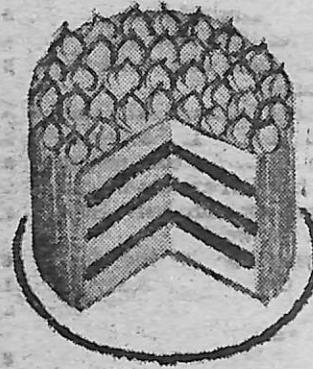
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V.F.W. Post 1632 and Auxiliary Bulletin

By ANNA D. BISSONNETTE

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas everywhere you go and the VA Hospital is no exception. The holiday is here again and many of you will remember our veterans with special parties, gifts and visitations. A special "THANK YOU" to all the wonderful volunteers.

Important dates at VA Hospital—Tonight, Thursday, Dec. 12: Carnival—Veterans of Foreign Wars, Western County Council—Agawam and Southwick Posts; Dec. 13, Friday: Bingo—V.F.W. District 13; Dec. 15, Sunday: Christmas Party—American Legion—District 1; Dec. 16, Monday: Holiday Party—Jewish War Veterans and Aux. #26; and Dec. 22, Sunday: Christmas Party—American Legion District #2 and State Department.

NEEDS

Occupational Therapy can use old umbrella frames and copies of Jack and Jill. Please send or bring them to the Occupational Therapy Clinic to nurse Mrs. Barbara Taylor.

Round The Town

By Ann Nael
phone ST 8-8996

Philip J. Murphy of Agawam, assistant personnel director at Van Norman Machine Co., Springfield, participated in an accident prevention seminar last week at the home office of Aetna Life & Casualty in Hartford, Conn.

The three-day seminar on current industrial safety methods and facilities was conducted by Aetna's engineering department. Safety personnel from a number of firms insured by Aetna attended.

Mr. Murphy lives at Meadow St., Agawam.

Mr. and Mrs. Donnie Lee Garrison are now settled in their new home at 3656½ Weston Place, Long Beach, California 20001. On way to California the couple took the Southern route and stopped off at Kansas City, Mo., and Gallup, N.M. Mrs. Garrison is the former Coral Bissonnette, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Bissonnette of 21 Mulberry St., Agawam.

A public smorgasbord will be held on Saturday, Dec. 14th at Agawam Methodist Church, Mill St. (opposite the Senior High School) with sittings at 5:30 and 6:30 p.m.

Reservations must be in by Friday, the 13th, and can be made with Mrs. Brightman, 781-6567, or Mrs. Houts, 737-8595. Adult tickets are \$1.95 and children 99c.

Kansas City, Mo. (Special)—Richard Adelman of 87 Meadowbrook Rd., Agawam, has been appointed as National Aide-de-Camp, V.F.W.; it was announced by Richard W. Homan, Sugar Grove, W. Va., Commander-in-Chief of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States.

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CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

Committee meeting on Dec. 9 at the Post Home—Chairmen Netkovick and Katy Dickinson announced that all is in readiness for a wonderful party.

Dec. 14th is the day for decorating the hall at the Agawam Motor Lodge. Please come down and lend a hand.

Dec. 15th—Party at the Agawam Motor Lodge, Suffield St., Agawam.

LITTLE BITS

This is the time of year when our Hospital Chairman Betty Curran of the Auxiliary sends poinsettias to both Holyoke Soldiers Home and Leeds for use in the Chapels. Anyone wishing to donate fresh plants may do so by calling her at 733-3909. Thank you in advance.

Men's regular meeting is on Dec. 16th at 8 p.m. . . . also the Board of Directors meeting just following—after both meetings there will be refreshments. Please be on time for both are important.

Dec. 13th (tomorrow night) Sale of Christmas decorations and other GOODIES. Bring along your money.

Venetta Snyder and Katy Dickinson will be serving clams again on the 13th. They announced a brisk sale of same last Friday.

Ida Bondi still confined to the West Springfield Nursing Home on Westfield St., West Springfield. Cards and visits would be welcome.

Sorry to hear that James Stellato's family is having a rough time of it. All confined to home and hospital are his wife, mother, father and brother. Hope they soon get well.

Sympathy to the family of Past Commander Andy Pagliaro who just lost his brother, Sam. We're sorry Andy.

Only 43 members to make our 1969 quota remain unpaid—are you one of these?

Welcome to new member George Lane from Feeding Hills.

Smokers Anonymous Quit-Smoking Kit Now Available

Smokers Anonymous the Boston-based non-profit organization which has over the past three years earned a national reputation and interest for its work in helping people quit the cigarette habit, has announced the public availability of their new "Do-It-Yourself Kit." William Pordon, Executive Director of Smokers Anonymous, made the announcement today following a meeting of the organization's Executive Committee.

The kit provides personal help for people who wish to quit smoking on their own and is based on the actual research and teaching experience of the Smokers Anonymous Seminars. In addition to testing motivation and individual reasons as to the "why" of smoking, the kit presents the Smokers Anonymous 10-step S.T.O.P. program for home use.

In his announcement, Mr. Pordon reviewed the success attained by the S.T.O.P. program in a recently completed seminar held at the Harvard Medical School. The procedures used proved suc-

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cessful for some 80% of the men and women enrolled in the trial program, many of whom had been smoking for twenty, thirty and forty years. Pordon indicated that the organization's 10-step S.T.O.P. program has been in the development and testing stage for the past two years and showed promise of "affording direct and significant personal assistance to those who wish to quit smoking cigarettes on their own." He noted that some 300,000 Americans will die this year of factors directly related to or aggravated by the cigarette smoking habit, and expressed the hope that people will take advantage of the Smokers Anonymous home program.

The Do-It-Yourself Kit is available to Associate Members of Smokers Anonymous. Persons wishing to avail themselves of this material should send their name, address, and \$3.00 Associate Membership fee to: Smokers Anonymous, 135 Francis St., Boston, Mass. 02215.

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